

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Old Engine House #13

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Fremont and Myrtle Avenues

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

led by

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☒ PUBLIC  
☐ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☐ OCCUPIED  
☒ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore, Maryland 21202

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

City of Baltimore Neighborhood Survey

DATE

1978

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Commission for Historic and Architectural Preservation

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore, Maryland 21202

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Foundation walls are laid in granite blocks and building walls are laid in stretcher bond. The roof is a low pitched hipped gable, and the building, with the exception of its tower, is two stories high. The tower is three stories high. The building site is wedge shaped. The facade facing east is flat, and the facade facing west is staggered so that the facade facing south is wider than the end facade facing north. Of the four facades facing north the end facade is, with two bays, the widest. This facade is symmetrically organized and its first story facade is punctuated by two stone, full arched apertures, each housing a set of flat double garage doors surmounted by full arched openings which are now boarded over. In all the facades, a string course visually divides the first and second story facades. Either bay punctuating the second story facade is punctuated by two full arched windows double hung with one over one lights and accompanied by stone sills. The windows are housed in recessed bays defined by three brick piers. A brick cornice supported by brick corbelling surmounts the building facade. The following bay facing north is the north facade of the tower. Its south and west facades are nearly identical to the one facing north. That facade is three stories high and one bay wide. The first story facade is punctuated by a full, stone arched aperture that houses a flat wood door. The door surmounts a granite stoop and is surmounted by a granite lintel. The door and lintel are surmounted by a round arch transom. The facade above is relieved by two piers that house a recessed panel between them. The lower section of the panel is punctuated by a full arched double hung window. Above, the brick panel is laid in an open weave carrelage. The tower facade is capped by brick corbelling and a brick cornice. This element is surmounted by a decorative wrought iron balustrade. The tower is capped by a setback room. Each of the room's four facades is relieved by a flat, recessed, brick panel. The room is capped by a painted wood cornice and a low, hipped roof. The two other first story facades of the tower are each punctuated by a brick full arched aperture. Both are now boarded over.

The facades facing west are generally fenestrated in a similar way to those just described. They are all a single bay wide. Generally, the first story facades of these bays are flatter and higher than the second story facades, which carry greater surface variations in the treatment of the brickwork and in the number and organization of the elements comprising the facades.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

1876

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

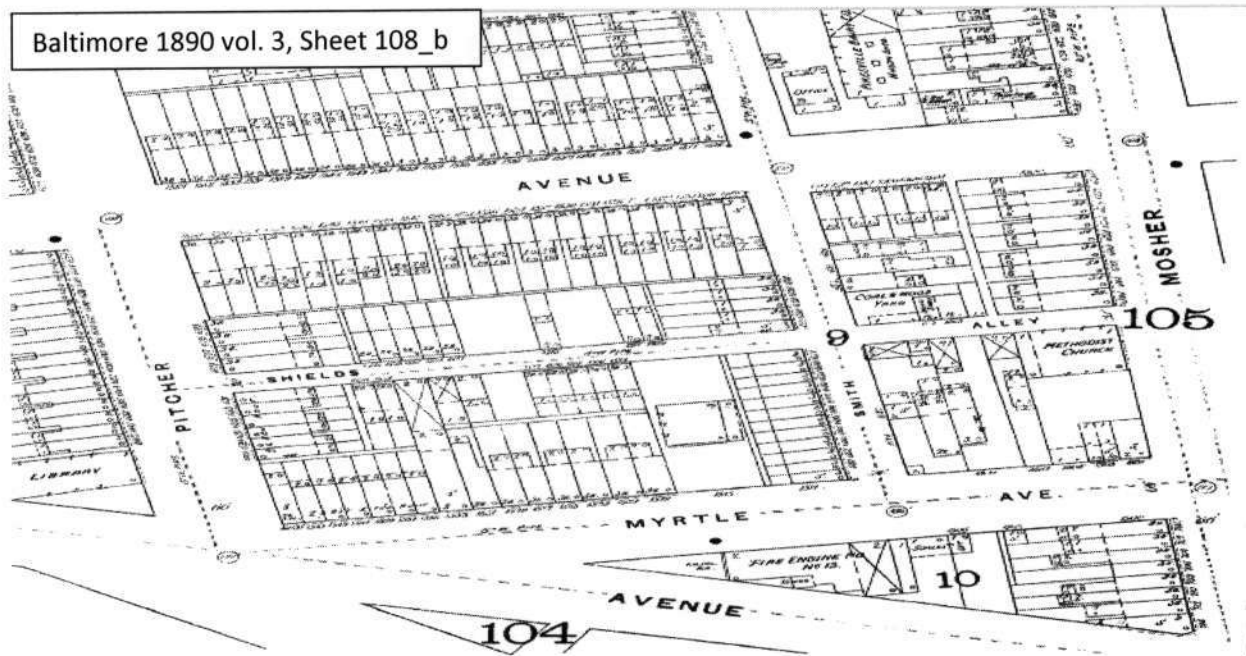
## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building originally housed fire engine company #13. Built in 1876, the building had a large steeple and bell tower that have been truncated. The building cost \$20,000. Its bell weighed over 2,000 pounds.

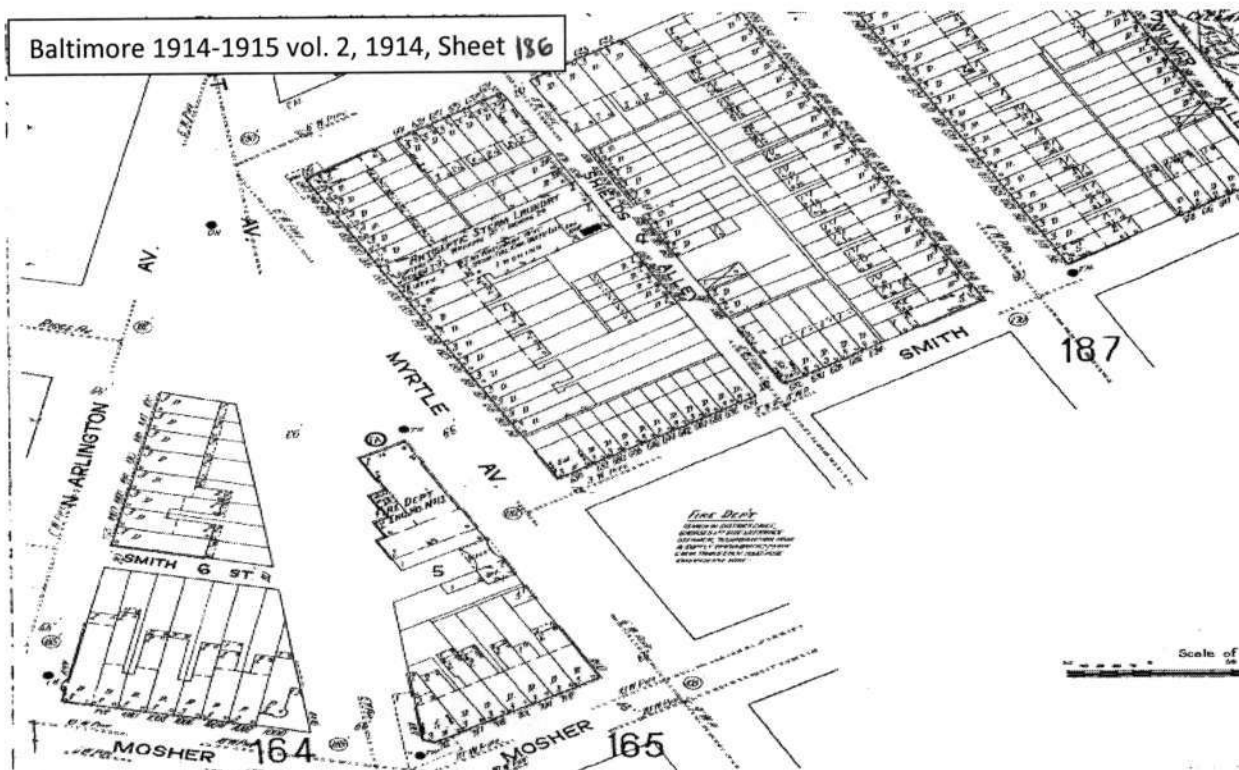
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Old Engine House #13  
Corner of N. Fremont Avenue and Myrtle Avenue  
Baltimore City  
Sanborn Map

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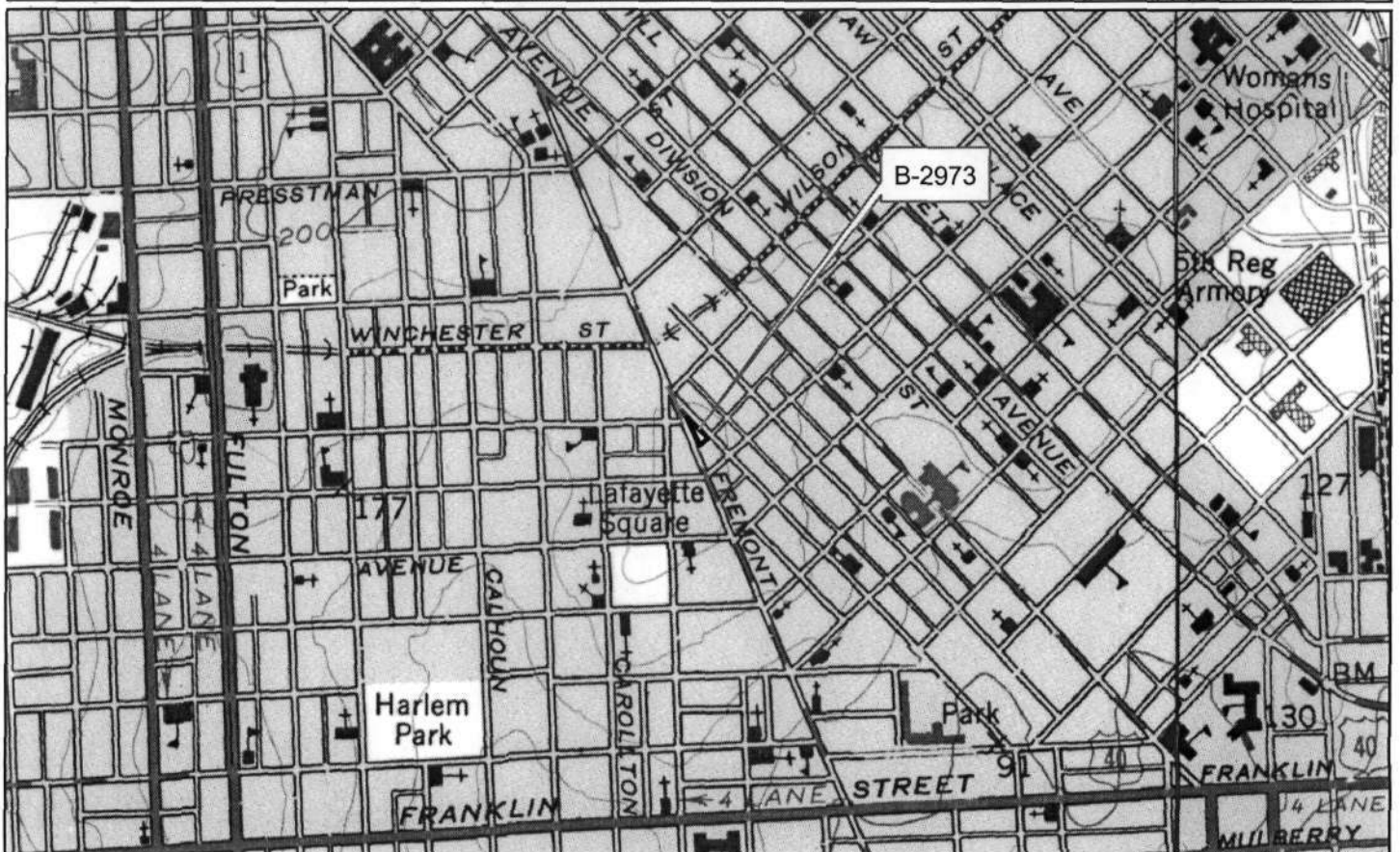
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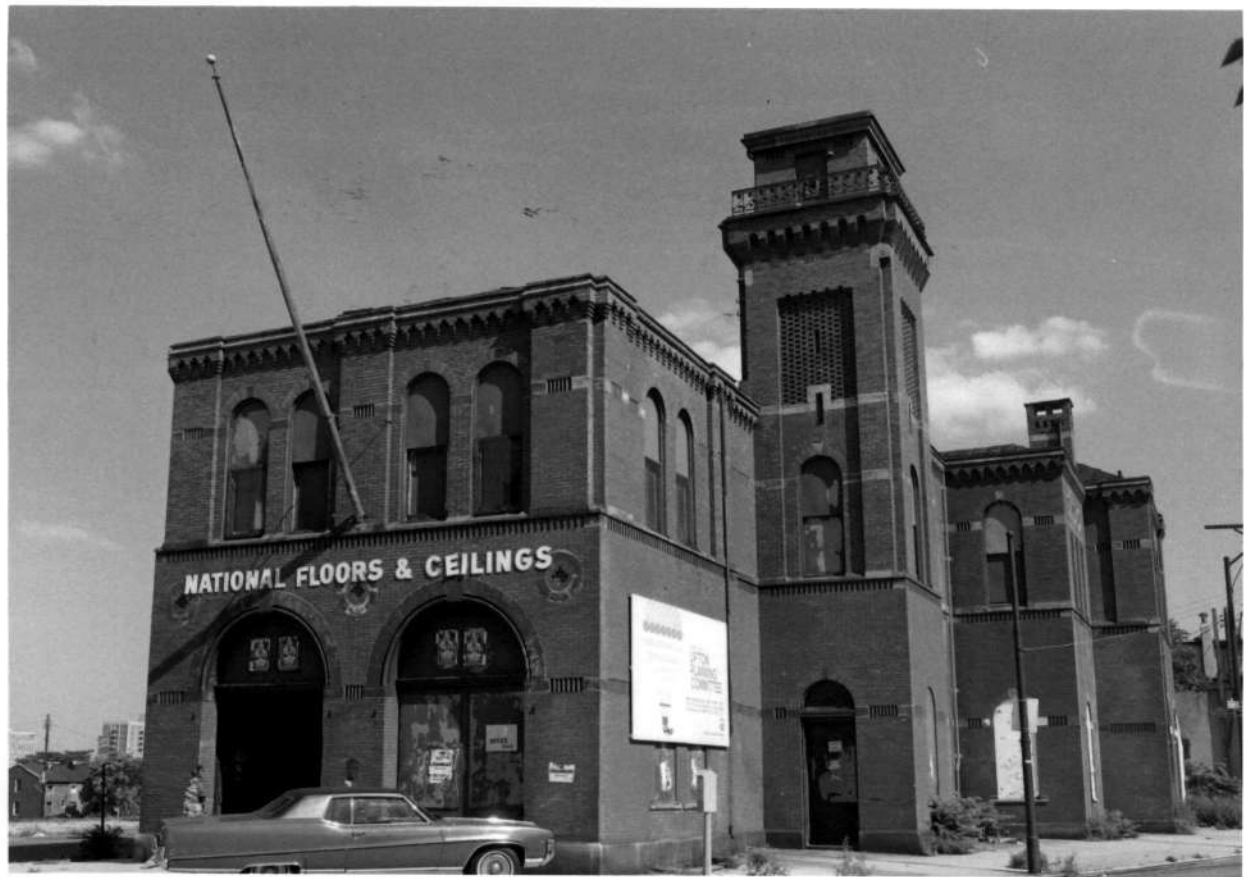




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 Block N/A Lot N/A  
 Baltimore City  
 Baltimore West Quad.





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